20th August 1925]

Public Service.

Committee to report on the working of the Government Order regarding communal representation in the public service.

* 195 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what action Government have taken on the resolution passed by this House on 2nd March 1925 recommending that a committee be appointed to enquire and report as to the working of the policy laid down by Government in G.Os. No. 658, dated 15th August 1922, and No. 76, dated 6th February 1924, and to suggest means to effectively provide for giving preference to competent candidates from communities which have not had their due share of appointments in public service until the existing inequalities are removed ?

A.—A copy of G.O. No. 733, Public, dated the 3rd August 1925, appointing a committee is placed on the table.[a]

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Sir, with reference to paragraph 6 of the Government Order giving the composition of the committee, will the Government be pleased to appoint an hon. Member representing the interests of the Oriya community to the committee seeing that we have so much agitation from that community both in and out of the Council ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" The point will be considered, Sir."

Village Establishments.

Alleged removal from service of certain village officers for illicit cutting of trees.

* 196 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the village officers of six villages in the taluk of Uttankarai, Salem district, were removed from service on the ground that trees had been cut from unreserved porambokes ;

(*b*) whether the village officers of Panaparathupatti and Nochipatti were among those so removed ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the village officers of those two villages had sent reports about the removal of trees before that and applied to the Deputy Tahsildar to make a local inspection of the place at once without sending the reports to the Revenue Inspector for enquiry ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that on the reports of those village officers some offenders were prosecuted and convicted ; and

(*e*) whether it is the general policy of the Government to collect the prices of the trees from the village officers and not to dismiss them for illicit removal of trees by unknown persons ; if it is so, why the village officers of six villages were removed from service contrary to the general policy ?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) The Government have no information regarding the case in question.

(*e*) The policy of Government is to leave each case to be dealt with on its merits by the local officers subject to the right of persons who feel aggrieved to appeal.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 393–394 infra.